

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

The present amendment is made, in part, for the purpose of removing multiple dependencies and reference numerals from the claims, in conformance with U.S. practice. No new matter has been entered by such amendments.

Applicant notes that this is a national phase completion of PCT/DE2004/002291. In this underlying PCT application, Applicant made various amendments to the application. These amendments were published in form PCT/IPEA/409 (International Preliminary Report On Patentability) as amended pages 1, 2, 2a, 5, 6, and 7. Accordingly, the amendments herein to the specification have been entered in the international stage. The location of the amendments to the specification is made by reference to the English language translation of the originally filed PCT application, a copy of which is submitted herewith.

Amendments to the claims were also published in form PCT/IPEA/409. These amendments were also entered in the international stage. In this national stage completion, Applicant has amended the claims to read consistent with the amendments made during the international stage. Support for these amendments may be found, for example, in the paragraphs beginning on page 5, line 32, page 6, line 11 and line 27, page 10, line 8, page 11, lines 6, 21, and 30, page 12, line 18, and on page 20, line 27 of the English language translation of the originally filed application, as well as in the various drawings. No new matter has been entered by these amendments. Additionally, the claims have been further amended herein for clarity, e.g., to replace the term "and/or" with --or--, etc., in various claims. No new matter has been entered by these claims.

For the convenience of the Examiner, English language translations of the amended pages of the specification and English translations of the claims, as amended during the international stage, are enclosed herein. Pursuant to MPEP 1893.01(d), Applicant has, therefore, entered all international stage amendments herein, and no new matter has been entered.

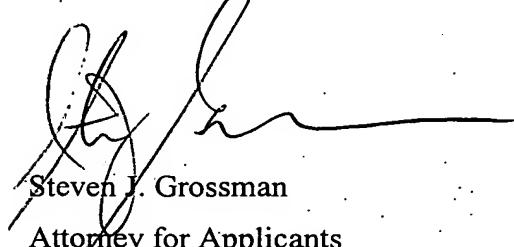
Applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing amendments be entered before the examination of the present application, and before calculation of fees.

In the event the Examiner deems personal contact is necessary, please contact the undersigned attorney at (603) 668-6560.

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